

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-13 (Canceled)

Claim 14 (Previously presented): A combined dissector and cannula assembly comprising:

a dissector assembly having a dissector housing, a rigid tube and a dissector obturator;
and

a cannula assembly having a cannula housing, a cannula obturator and an access cannula, the cannula obturator being removable from the access cannula and the tube of the dissector assembly being received in the access cannula so that the cannula assembly is movable along the tube of the dissector assembly, wherein the cannula housing has a recess and the dissector housing includes a movable member movable into engagement with the recess to secure the dissector housing to the cannula housing.

Claim 15 (Original): The combined dissector and cannula assembly as recited in claim 14, wherein the movable member is a latch configured to engage the recess in the cannula housing.

Claim 16 (Original): The combined dissector and cannula assembly as recited in claim 14, wherein the cannula obturator has a proximal cap with a movable member for engaging a recess on the cannula housing and securing the cannula obturator to the cannula housing.

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Claim 17 (Original): The combined dissector and cannula assembly as recited in claim 14, wherein the dissector obturator has a member movable into engagement with a recess on the dissector housing to affix the dissector obturator relative to the dissector housing.

Claim 18 (Original): The combined dissector and cannula assembly as recited in claim 14, wherein the dissector housing includes a button engageable with the movable member to move the movable member relative to the dissector housing.

Claim 19 (Original): The combined dissector and cannula assembly as recited in claim 14, wherein the dissector assembly includes a dissection balloon defining a chamber, the dissection balloon being attached to the tube so that the interior of the tube and the chamber are in communication with one another.

Claim 20 (Original): The combined dissector and cannula assembly as recited in claim 14, wherein the access cannula has a distal end and a balloon anchor disposed at the distal end.

Claims 21-23 (Canceled)